

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1601 – HB 1793

March 19, 2018

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Creates a civil cause of action against a person who brings a civil action in whole or in part to harass or maliciously injure another; creates an Abusive Civil Action Offender registry; and prohibits persons on the registry from commencing or continuing a civil action without permission of the court.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – \$63,400/One-Time
\$65,600/Recurring

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015646): Deletes and rewrites the proposed legislation such that the only substantive changes are as follows: (1) narrows the scope of the type of action that constitutes an abusive civil action in that there needs to be a relationship between the two parties; and (2) removes the creation of the Abusive Civil Action Offender Registry.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation creates a civil cause of action against a person who brings a civil action in whole or in part to harass or maliciously injure another.
- The proposed legislation requires that a relationship must exist between the two parties in order to claim an abusive civil action against a person.
- The Administrative Office of the Courts confirm that any impact to the courts can be accommodated within their existing resources.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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